1887, May 12, To – Mrs. George Tilden, 124 South 19th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Your letter of May 7th is just at hand. I thank you for writing. We are aware of the difficulties at your end of the line as it is difficult to understand the methods and plans for our Annual Meeting. it is perplexing to arrange meetings for both societies, the Women's Foreign Missionary and also the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. To arrange for meetings so dissimilar, to be held so closely together and to keep in mind that the various Foreign Boards have all held their annual meetings, you will see the difference in the objectives. The meetings of the Woman's Executive should occupy two full days if not three, but being held in connection with the General Assembly, as it always is, this seems to be an impossible wish. We wish to avoid overtaxing our women and are unanimously opposed to fine luncheons or for any extravagant outlay of money at such a time to feed people.

We are extremely desirous that the five members of our Executive Committee who go to our meeting, and who have been so closely associated in this work shall be assigned to one place, as we are obliged to hold many conferences regarding matters that come before us. This meeting accomplishes a double purpose. We are frequently in conference with workers from our missions, with the Synodical Superintendents who are present, and with the home missionaries coming from churches among the exceptional peoples. It gives an opportunity to talk with our field workers.

The five who desire to be together are Mrs. James, Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Finks, Mrs. Roberts and myself. We would gladly include Mrs. Bryan and Mrs Perkins with our group but that is not imperative. Mrs. Baker, a co-worker in our New York office should be near.

You have undertaken a tremendous task to house and feed such a body as will gather at Omaha.

1887 — May

Letters of Mrs C. E. Walker, Secy

1887 - May 14 - To - Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio.

I am growing anxious and write to beg you not to fail us at Omaha. × × Mrs. Bryan has decided to go, and now I throw out a little hint for your benefit. If you want to have some of these workers at the meeting for which you are planning in June you can make your plans at Omaha and capture Mrs. Bryan and Miss Whitaker if you desire. Many who have listened to both, think Miss Whitaker is by far more interesting than Miss Robertson. I cannot say that but she is arousing great interest in the work and is a most interesting speaker. Mrs. James is to sail for Europe the last of June and therefore cannot stop for meetings by the way. Mrs Finks will stop once probably returning by way of Cincinnati. That Mrs. Walker is in a very unsettled state of mind but she may go to her husband if time and money are available.

1887 - May 14 - To - Mrs. E. V. Speer, Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio.

With pleasure I reply to your inquiries regarding Miss Floretta Shields. She is under the care of our Woman's Executive Committee, duly commissioned by the Board of Home Missions and is doing a wonderful work at Laguna, New Mexico. - I am glad your ladies are interested in her and would be delighted if your society would assume her salary for three months or even longer. It has not been pledged but is paid from the General Fund. She is so heartily engaged in this work that she is not content to do all she is hiring at her own expense an interpreter to help her to teach and preach to the people. She is virtually doing both.

Her lack of thorough education might seem a detriment to her work, but the work that she is doing at Laguna challenges the respect of all who know her. It is true missionary service.

1887 – May

Letters from Mrs. D.E. Finks, Sec'y

1887, May 17. – To – Miss Jennie Ordway, 36 Grant Avenue, Auburn, N.Y.
Your papers have been approved and you have been accepted by the Board of Home Missions.
There will be some delay in assigning you to your field of labor on account of the meeting of General Assembly which convenes in Omaha, Nebraska, this week.
As soon as possible to arrange matters after General Assembly you will be assigned to your field.
Your services will probably not be required until the last of August or the first of September when the new school year opens.

1887, May 17. – To – Mrs. N. J. Platter, Box 94, Wooster, Ohio.
The real situation at Laguna Mission is as follows: Miss Floretta Shields is under commission by the Board of Home Missions, and paid a salary of $500.- per year by the Woman's Executive Committee. She is doing a wonderful missionary work. Recently, Mrs. Menaul, wife of Rev. John Menaul, who has labored so faithfully and with such great success among the Indians for the last eight or ten years, and Miss Shields have had the services of Mary Perry, a Laguna Indian girl, who was educated at Carlisle, Pa., became a Christian and returned to her home at Laguna, New Mexico. They made use of Mary Perry as a Bible Reader; but in order to make their work still more effective, the Board has commissioned Mrs. Menaul as one of our workers, upon the condition that Mrs. Menaul and Mary Perry will keep a day school in operation at one of the Laguna villages, a few miles distant from Miss Shields, and do missionary work in connection with the school work. We pay Mrs. Menaul $300.- per year. Her husband has the usual salary of a missionary. Out of the $300.- Mrs. Menaul pays Mary Perry $100.- for her services.
Their work is truly missionary work and is bearing fruit.

1887 — May

Letters from Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sec'y

1887, May 17 - To - Miss Lora Shields, 576 Market St., Pittsburgh, Pa.,

I hope you learned of Dr. Kirkwood's presence in Pittsburgh today, in time to hear him speak on the work in New Mexico, and possibly give some information regarding Tucson. I have nothing new to tell you about the work there except the fact that the money has gone to Mr. Walker with instructions to commence the building immediately. Dr. Kirkwood says 100 pupils can be put into that school just as quickly as we have room for them.

1887, May 17 - To - Miss F. E. Afford, White Hall Seminary, Concord, No. Car.

I fully appreciate the annoyance to the workers at White Hall not to be assured of plans for the coming year, but we are unable to take any decisive action until after General Assembly; for the continuance of the Southern work under the care of the Woman's Executive Committee has been referred to the General Assembly. While I cannot speak officially I can tell you that it is the wish of the Woman's Executive Committee to reduce somewhat the work of our school at White Hall, but not to discontinue it. This will reduce the number of our workers somewhat. It is decided that you are to go to Asheville, and the wish has been expressed that Miss Glover, Miss Stryker, and Miss E. S. Ainsworth shall remain at White Hall. I am telling you now only the wish of the Committee. Remember, this is <u>not official</u> and cannot be until General Assembly. The only school for the Southern Whites that we are sure of continuing is that at Asheville, but we do not anticipate being asked to abandon the work at White Hall. I know that you will feel this letter is very unsatisfactory, but the Woman's Executive Committee and the Board of Home Missions are powerless to act further. We supposed the action of General Assembly a year ago, settled the question of schools among the Mountain Whites and that the work was fully endorsed and placed in our hands, but some Board members have a different view of the matter, and think we are not justified in carrying on this branch of the work; therefore we must wait patiently until General Assembly takes decisive action.

1887 — June

1887, June 9 - To - Mrs. A. C. Proudfit, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Walker has the leaflet for Synodical Committees in charge. She did not finish it before leaving. You ask whose province it is to make assessments upon the different presbyteries for special objects. I think the synodical officers, forming the Synodical Executive Committee, do this. Of course the assessment is not in any case obligatory, but the wish of the officers is usually regarded by the presbyteries as far as possible.

1887, June 9. To - Mrs. W. H. Farrand, 23 Joslyn Park, Rochester, N. Y.

I was much gratified to learn of your interest in Tillie Paul and Mrs. Neerkin. Anything you may conclude to send to them may be sent through our Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Boyd, who will forward it directly as a "special".

We have just received a letter from Tillie Paul which is very touching. She has now left Fort Tongass and is at Fort Wrangle on her way to Sitka. I will quote a few sentences from her letter. She writes: "It is a great trial. Sometimes I feel as if I could not bear it. Oh! what a painful thing it is to leave the place where I was once so happy with my husband. Nothing was learned of my husband and Prof. Saxeman. I think I will go back to Old Tongass and look for myself. I am sure you will not blame for doing this." She writes further: "I am much grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Haines. What a blessed thing it is to die in the Lord! I find much comfort in my children. I call my last boy, (born after news of her husband's death reached her) Louis Thomas. They are all well and they miss their dear papa. They cannot understand why their papa left them so suddenly."

1887, June 9 - To - Mrs. H. M. Bookstaver, 1556 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Penna

We have enlarged our work among the Indians this year, and also have recently taken the work of the Foreign Board in Indian Territory, which they have turned over to us. We therefore need aid specially. Our work among the Indians was never so promising as during the past months. There have been many conversions, and marked advance in intelligence. If you can aid us in this field we shall be greatly obliged. We have pressing need of funds for our work at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the building is only partially completed and we wish to finish it as speedily as possible or our work will suffer sadly by the delay.

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1887, June 9, To — Mrs. Geo. Turner, Mt Sterling Ills.
We do not assign scholarships in the Mary Allen Seminary but simply receive and forward money to the Freedmen's Board at Pittsburgh and scholarships are assigned from that office.
If you will address Mrs. C. E. Coulter, 576 Market St, Pittsburgh, Pa, you will obtain the desired information and your assistance will be gladly welcomed.

1887, June 13th — To — Mrs. Andrew Cowan, 912 Fourth St, Louisville, Ky.
Your thought of aiding in the publication of the Gospel Hymns in Cherokee is timely, and if your church should desire to aid Mr. Chamberlain in the matter, you can send the money to our treasurer as a "special" and it will be forwarded at once.

1887, June 16, — To — Miss Lottie Sumner, Thompson, Pa.
Mrs. Langdon does not now attend to the Band Work as she has been in ill health and unable to keep up with correspondence.

1887, June 16. To — Mrs. M. L. Roberts, Lake Forest, Illinois
I am delighted to hear you have the prospect of organizing another society, and I think Albuquerque, just now, is needing more assistance than any other point. The work is very promising there, but we have all the students we can take in our temporary buildings, and until the new ones are completed, can do nothing more. The new buildings are partially completed and are being rushed as rapidly as possible. The temporary buildings will be converted into industrial shops. We need $4000. — immediately. xx Our whole work in New Mexico among the Indians centers at Albuquerque. The action of the U.S. Government in taking over our school after we had successfully opened it, has, of course, retarded the work. We are firmly convinced that the Jesuits had much to do with those hindrances, but we can do our work hereafter on a better basis in our own buildings. It may not prove a disadvantage to anyone.
Our work is going on as vigorously as the funds will allow. Be sure to urge the school work in New Mexico. Rev. Mr. Fraser who was at the General Assembly told us that it was the hope of the territory. He says that he would have no place to send his children to school except to the Catholic Convent if it were not for our schools. Rev. Mr. McClain bore the same testimony xx saying that the Protestant members of their churches

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those converted from Catholicism—would have none except the Catholic schools to educate their children, were it not for our schools. One and all bore the same testimony to their efficiency, and said to take our schools would be "to cut off the right arm of the work."

I am certain we need no stronger testimony to the value of the work which the women are doing.

Our Committee changed your office to that of Vice-President. You will remember that at Omaha the Committee were given power to make such changes as seemed advisable. I was perfectly sure that this was quite in line with your wishes before I mentioned it.

1887 — June

Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

1887, June 20 – To – Prof. W. A. Kelly, Sitka, Alaska

The gift of $1000. – a special offering for the Hospital, permits us to begin work on that important adjunct to relieve suffering among the degraded people of Alaska. Mr. Eaton will write full instructions concerning the hospital.

1887, June 20, – To – Mr. Will H. Dyer, 1334 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, Pa.

I take pleasure in suggesting as a worthy object to which you may devote the $20. – raised by your Mission Band, the building at Sisseton Agency, Dakota, which is in process of erection.

In connection with the Industrial School there we are adding rooms for a minister, or chaplain, who is a home missionary under the care of our Board of Home Missions. There is positively no place for him to live and it was necessary to make provision for him in connection with the mission.

You are doubtless aware that we have a very prosperous work at this station, and that the Indian children are receiving an education fitting them for usefulness, as they are trained in the knowledge of books also in mechanical pursuits.

1887, June 20 – To – Mrs. S. M. Barber, 3033 Olive St, St. Louis, Mo.

We regretted that none of the Board of the South-West were at Omaha. We had a very delightful meeting, and we trust, one that will prove profitable in the years to come.

1887, June 24 – To – Mrs. I. S. Bennett, Holley, N.Y.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, is one of our new schools. It was opened as a boarding school last January and is in need of help. We have Indian girls, who when they came to school were dressed in borrowed clothing; one girl had her clothing sewed on, another whose mother came with her had to take off her shoes when she arrived. (She had walked a long long way over rough roads), so she could carry the shoes back with her to the person to whom they belonged. We need bedding, good stout clothing of heavy gingham. Miss Miller, one of our teachers had some of these girls with her during vacation. They had no homes to which they could be sent, or worth being called by that name, and it was felt that if allowed to return they would lose all that had been gained. They were glad to remain, and she is teaching them all sorts of housework, and they are doing well.

1887, June 24 – To – Miss S. V. Stryker, Presbyterian Hospital, 70th St. and Madison Ave, City, N.Y.
I wrote hoping to call upon you Friday of this week, but now fear I shall be prevented from doing so. I am glad however to be the bearer of good news. The cistern for White Hall was granted; the school is to be continued with three teachers and about twenty pupils. The expectation is that these teachers will be Miss Glover, Miss Ainsworth and yourself. I am glad to learn that you are feeling better, and we hope to see you soon at our rooms.

1887, June 25 – To – Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield, N. J.
We have no constitutions for Synodical Societies in print in our office at present. Formerly there were some but there has been little demand for them since all the Synodical Societies were formed. They are out of print but Mrs. Walker has a copy that she is remodeling and which we hope to have ready for use this fall.

1887, June 29, – To – Mrs. J. G. Rankin, Austin, Texas.
As she is on her way to Europe your letter to Mrs. James has come to my desk. x x You are entirely correct regarding the question of Synodical Committees.
The Committees are appointed by by the Synods; they should be reappointed each year, and continue in office until a re-appointment is made, which is done at the Annual Meeting of Synod. As soon after this appointment as possible the members of the Synodical Committee meet to elect their officers for the year, President and Secretary. As soon as the Synod makes its new appointment of members, the previous committee no longer constitutes the synodical committee. You are right in your conclusions. x x The methods of work are very much alike in most of the synods, and in only minor details do they vary.

1887, June 29, – To – Rev. George Norcross, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.
Your recent letter to Dr. Kendall containing an appeal from the Kiowa Indian for a school has come to me as Dr. Kendall will be absent for some weeks. I will say that we are deeply interested and only regret that the work already in hands, together with the fact that we have recently received by transfer from the Board of Foreign Missions all of their work in Indian Territory, it is very doubtful whether we can assume further responsibility. The funds in our treasury at present do not warrant more extended effort, but your letter will be kept in mind and its plea will rest upon our hearts.

1887 — June

Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

1887, June 30 – To – Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mr. Finks has not been quite as well; his eyes have not been worse, but his head has been distressing him very much. He finds that he can do only a little and that he must be very careful about doing that little. He often feels very anxious to get into real work, but we must wait patiently for some time to come.

1887, June 30 – To – Miss Jennie Ordway, 36 Grant Ave., Auburn, N.Y.
Yesterday action was taken by our Board which makes your acceptance and appointment certain. You are assigned to Salina, Utah, as assistant teacher especially with a view to your teaching music in connection with our mission school there.
The school is in a Mormon community but there are many "Liberal" families, and I am sorry to say, many infidels as well.

1887 – July

Letters from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy

1887, July 1st – To – Miss Eva Fredericks, Mill Hall, Pa.
A teachers' convention will be held in Utah in connection with the meeting of presbytery. This opens on the 16th of August and lasts for a day or more. In going it would be well for you to time your journey so as to attend this meeting, for it will enable you to meet the teachers, but you will also learn many things which will be of assistance in your work afterward.

1887, July 5, – For Miss Lora B. Shields, Pittsburgh, Pa.
I send the magazines for which you ask, and rejoice to hear that we are to receive such efficient help in swelling our subscription list. If your committee could secure for us one thousand new subscribers in addition to those we shall be able to get from other sources, I think we should be able to finish the first year of the Home Mission Monthly without any deficit. I will send sample copies whenever you wish them and as many as you can use.
I will give a little of my own experience in using envelopes to secure subscriptions: I tell the ladies that it will be an easy matter for them to write their complete address on the lines indicated, enclose fifty cents, and hand it to me before the close of the meeting, as they pass out of the room. In this way I frequently get from thirty to forty subscribers with very little trouble.

1887, July 8 – To – Mrs. G. W. Ely, Columbia, Pa.
I am not certain about the wisdom of presbyterial societies for young people. In the many different presbyteries where I have attended, I have found that by wise management the young people had such a part of the meeting for their own, that there was no necessity for a separate organization.

1887 — July

1887, July 8th - To - Miss Nellie Hitchcock, Waverly, New York.

You ask if the Memorial Offering is a matter of local or general interest and for what purpose the money will be used. In reply to the first question, the matter is general in the sense that we desire all who feel any interest in contributing to this fund should have the liberty of doing so. Mrs. Haines was widely known, greatly beloved, and it is our hope that offerings will come from the societies over the land. At the same time we have made the fund so broad that offerings for it may be given in memory of any departed friend or child. In almost every household some member has joined the great host who await the coming of those yet on the Earth, and it has been a matter of great comfort to many to make some especial offering in memory of these departed ones. We therefore invite all such offerings as well as those made with special reference to Mrs. Haines.

Now as to the purpose for which the money will be used. It is to be invested as a permanent fund, the interest only to be used. This Permanent Fund to be drawn from to meet expenses of Mission work during the summer when our treasury is low, the amounts to be refunded in the fall when receipts are more plentiful after societies reassemble in the autumn. Here-to-fore we have been much embarrassed during the summer months on account of scanty receipts when societies are not holding the regular meetings. This was a dear wish of Mrs. Green before her death, and Mrs. Haines felt great interest in accumulating a permanent fund to be used in this manner.

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1887 — July

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1887, July 15, To Mrs. E. C. Thurston, Woodbury, N. J.

Your letter to Mrs. Langdon has come to me after some delay, as she has been very much out of health and so seriously ill that she could not at all attend to her correspondence.

If you have not forwarded the contents of your money jage to any special object, I think the money could be used well in buying books for one of our mission schools, and I would suggest that when forwarding to our treasurer you specify that it be applied to such a need; also that the school to which you make Christmas gifts be that of Miss Floretta Shields, Laguna, New Mexico. This young woman is doing most excellent missionary work among the Indians of that Pueblo. She needs help and will appreciate anything you may send.

She has gone into the houses of her children, has taught the mothers to make bread; to keep the house clean; to cut, baste and make their garments. She says that at first their work was like coarse basting, and they were greatly offended when she insisted on having it taken out and done as it should be done, but now they do it willingly and their sewing is improving in a remarkable way.

While Miss Shields does not possess the educational qualifications that others have, our Synodical Missionary says that she is accomplishing more for the real elevation of the people than almost any other worker we have. We therefore retain her as one of our most valued workers.

1887, July 16, - To - Miss Mary F. Carson, Rushville, Illinois

Our loss in the death of Mrs. Haines has been very great, and is one shared by all of our societies. Her influence has so thoroughly permeated our work, that this dispensation of Providence can not be looked upon as entirely removing its results from us. Daily we are reminded of her spirit, and daily we thank God for having given her for so many years to the service of our Woman's Executive Committee in guiding the work committed to the women of the Presbyterian Church.

1887 – July

Letters of Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sec'y

1887, July 20 – To – Miss Laura Sunderland, 328 C. St, Washington, D.C.
Certainly your Synodical Society can press the work in Utah as heartily as they please for the need is very great. We want $10,000.– for our Salt Lake Institute. I think Mrs. Hamlin concurs heartily in this request. We were all deeply impressed with Prof. Millspaugh and his presentation of the work at Salt Lake City at our meeting at Omaha. The amount is so large we shall be obliged to call on many Synodical Societies to help in it.
As quickly as possible I will make out a list of the various Annual Synodical Meetings in accordance with dates and locations. Your request will be among the first. We will be obliged to arrange our various routes so as to save all that is possible in Railroad rates, owing to the greater expense we must incur in traveling. We cannot get the reduced rates we have had here-to-fore.
I will explain fully to Dr. Kendall your opinion regarding the difficulties in the way of taking up the work among the "Poor Whites." I can readily understand it and think you will be far more successful to pursue the plan you have in mind.
I returned from Colorado last Saturday night, and find that my weeks of rest have been very helpful.

1887, July 20. – To – Mrs. J. E. Dean, Newark, Ohio.
The enemy work constantly, in season and out, day and night; it seems to me as I watch the growth of Catholicism and Jesuitism through our country and the rapid growth of Mormonism also.

1887, July 23. – To – Mrs. C. L. Bailey, 31 So. Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Your letter to Mrs. Finks is just received and in her absence I answer. I have consulted with Dr. Kendall who desires me to ask you to wait for further information until the new Superintendent of Indian Territory, Rev. R. V. Hill of Oregon arrives. He is expected the first week of August. This Kiowa Indian to whom you refer cannot be Joshua Given. Joshua has some months of studying ahead of him. I know Dr. Kendall desires to send him to his people as soon as he is through with his studies.

1887, July 26, - To - Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington, Ills.

Your letter of July 20th is just at hand. I am delighted that you are talking up the "harvest meetings" so energetically, and agree with your suggestion that it would be wise to have some invitations especially for the "harvest meetings" printed by the Executive Committee. I will bring the matter up for consultation immediately if you will kindly prepare the form of invitation for us and send it on for our acceptance, with such revisions as we find necessary to make.

1887, July 27 - To - Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.

Just now, I have a special matter to propose for your careful consideration, and would like most timely assistance from you. Recent developments show us that we must secure a larger appropriation for Sisseton, Dakota. Instead of the $1400.- asked for in the August issue of the Home Mission Monthly in addition to the amount already expended, we find that $2000.- is needed. This must be expended this summer before the cold season comes upon us. You know the seasons are short in Dakota and our expenses were considerably increased by the sudden coming of the cold weather. Taking warning by this we are trying to hurry these matters.

We want to make a special appeal to the Sabbath Schools for a special amount for the carpenter and other work shops at Sisseton. Mr. Morris has been writing urgently saying that we are in danger of losing all our work at Sisseton unless these shops are elected quickly, as the Government requires this industrial training and we cannot do it without the necessary appliances, therefore these shops are imperative. He desires to teach the boys carpentering, blacksmithing and other useful occupations. It seems to me this work would appeal to the Sabbath Schools. Can you not induce the Sabbath Schools of your two cities to contribute from $200.- to $500.- to this work at once?

1887 – November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. C. B. Walker, Sec'y

1887 – Nov. 11 – Mrs. J. D. Reardon, Lock Haven, Penna.
I have mailed to you a copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions, in which I have marked in red lead pencil on page 28 the points that will interest you. × × You cannot get the exact salaries of our secretaries, as one was not paid in full owing to his resignation, but these salaries are $5000.– each, half of what most of the city pastors receive. I can easily understand how unpleasant it is for you meet the statement of disinterested or willfully ignorant people and am therefore willing to give you this information. I have heard business men challenge anyone to give an instance of any business representing much less capital, that is conducted as economically as the Board of Home Missions conducts its business.

1887, Nov. 12 – To – Miss A. C. Patterson, Glendale, Ohio,
We have followed a somewhat different plan this year in reporting synodical meetings which we trust will be quite satisfactory, although some synods have preferred reports with minute details, we have made a condensed and running report for all the synodical meetings giving the distinctive features of each as far as possible and omitting repetitions. As the detailed reports have appeared already in the religious papers, the freshness would have gone before they could have appeared in our magazine.

1884 — November

1884 — Nov. 12 — To — Miss Mary E. Holmes, Rockford, Ills.

I will try to answer your question regarding Life Membership certificates. I think the lack of interest in Life Memberships is due to the fact that the Woman's Executive Committee has never made the matter prominent, nor tried in any special way to secure them; and we should care very little about securing them on the conditions you suggest. We need to enlarge the General Fund of our treasury as much as possible, but it would I think be inappropriate to ask anyone to pay $30.00 towards the salary of a teacher, and to ask that the amount should entitle the donor to a Life Membership certificate.

I am sorry indeed that your Presbyterial Society takes so little interest in the General Fund. It is no "imaginary part" of our treasury, nor simply so-called. It is an actual account made up of undesignated money that meets the current expenses of our schools where scholarships and pledged salaries fail to cover the necessary amount, also travelling expenses of teachers to and from their fields. It also covers various other items too numerous to mention.

Money pledged for buildings, teachers' salaries and scholarships cannot be used for other purposes. We must keep such special gifts for their designated objects, and in doing that find ourselves sadly cramped at times for usable funds. When you know a Life Membership would be appreciated can you not induce friends to make a contribution for the purpose?

I think I have asked you before if you will use your ready pen in behalf of our larger work among the Mormons and Mexicans as you have already done in regard to the work for Negroes in the south. Will you not study statistics regarding the "Poor Whites" of the south for whom we are just beginning work that should have been started twenty years ago.

1887 – November

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Charles [illegible] Walker

1887, Nov. 14th – To Miss Minnie Whitaker, Tucson, Arizona.
I think we all are of one mind about the Pima children, providing Prof. Bryan willingly agrees to their transfer, but do not grow discouraged and feel that nothing can be done before "next July." Mrs. Boyd is in Washington now, and we hope will return with a definite agreement with the Government regarding the Pimas. If this is accomplished and Prof. Bryan approves, we can quickly arrange to transfer these boys from the Albuquerque School. I suppose they would have to be returned to the Pima Reservation when the school year concludes, but the expense will be no greater at one time than another. x x I am very glad you feel as I do that it is very important to have a man who is strong in every way in charge as superintendent at Tucson.

1887, Nov. 15 – To Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, DD., Colorado Springs, Colo.
By this time you have received information in regard to Tucson, the renting of the building at forty dollars a month, this arrangement to go into effect the moment it seems best to undertake the work. I like your suggestion to use tents later if we need them in connection with our own buildings.

1887, Nov. 16, To – Mrs. J. A. P. McGaw, 384 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio,
I hoped that I might have something to send to you that would deepen the interest in Albuquerque work. I have nothing at hand but Prof. Bryan's appeal just after the fire which should do great good to all who read it. I mail it today. The burning of these temporary buildings made it more imperative to press our work at that point. A letter received today from Prof Bryan regarding furnishings to replace burned articles, as well as clothing and bedding leads me to realize that we have much to do at Albuquerque. The wistful inquiries from former Albuquerque pupils to Prof. Bryan in regard to the time when they may return to school are pitiful. They have had a long waiting time.

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Letters from Mrs. Charles B. Walker, Sec'y

1887 - Nov. 14 - To Prof. R. W. D. Bryan, Albuquerque, New Mexico

I wish to ask first, if the organ was burned. If not, whether you want another. Bedding is in process of preparation for your school, and boxes from this time will reach you. We shall not know until you see their contents just what equipment you will need. I will make note of your request for chandeliers, window shades and door mats. If you know the cost of one chandelier a society can be asked to raise the money for one or more and can in that way have credit for the gift. Also give us a memorandum for dining room furniture, unless you know of a society willing to provide it. If you can assign it to an interested organization, we will not make an appeal for the same thing, but the money to buy it should always pass through our treasury. Our presbyterial societies are greatly offended to find that local societies have acted irregularly when their annual reports do not include all gifts. Local societies also complain when they cannot have credit for gifts made direct.

I want to write also about the transfer of the Pima Indian pupils from Albuquerque to Tucson. Our work there will commence at once in rented buildings, as we are obliged to redeem our promise to the Philadelphia women to open school this fall. Mr. Walker is to act as temporary superintendent and special agent for the Board in arranging to open school and erect permanent buildings.

The Board has written to Mr. and Mrs. Loveland to go to Tucson as soon as possible. Mr. Walker is already there; a matron will be under commission and on her way in a few days; but our greatest needs are a carpenter and a farmer.

Are you willing to let these pupils go? It will give you more room immediately for others, and will be of great benefit to our new work as they have received such thorough training.

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1887 - Nov. 10 - To - Mrs. J. W. Dickinson, 309 Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ills.

The enclosed letter from Miss Minnie Whitaker of Isleta, New Mex. explains my reason for writing you. I wish to ask a favor.

Arrangements have been made for a Home Missions column in the "Interior" under the direction of Miss Kate Hamilton. May I ask that you will kindly forward this Isleta letter, after you have used it in your society, to Mrs. Charles M. Robinson, Bloomington, Ills. for Miss Hamilton's use? I ask that it be sent in this way because all material that is furnished Illinois societies should be submitted to Mrs. Robinson before being forwarded to Miss Hamilton. In like manner we ask Synodical Presidents of other synods uniting in the payment of Miss Hamilton's salary, to send all material they furnish to their Synodical Presidents who in turn will forward to Miss Hamilton. You will see the reason for this. Our Synodical Presidents, who know our work will know at once whether changes in the line of omissions or explanations should be made.

1887 - Nov. 19th - To - Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Thorndale, Penna.

Our petition to Congress will go out in a day or two. Although approved by the Woman's Executive Committee two weeks ago and ordered printed, the Secretaries were instructed to correspond with experienced petitioners in Washington, and numerous letters have passed back and forth to put the matter in good shape, but delayed printing. Everything should accord with wishes at Washington. The gentlemen in Washington urge that the Petitions be uniform that Congress may recognize that the same spirit of desire is moving all parts of the country in a solemn protest against the admission of Utah as a State.

As Pennsylvania has already acted through Mrs. Ely, printed its petitions and letters and sent them out broadcast, we are sorely perplexed as to what to do. Mrs Bryan says "leave out Pennsylvania" but we want to include such a strong and important State to present to Congress. The petitions Pennsylvania is sending will reach only the Representatives from that State and, as Dr. Sunderland says, will probably be pigeon-holed in their offices; that the petition we issue should go through the presbyterial secretaries, signatures obtained again, and forwarded with all others to Dr. Sunderland and be sent through his committee to Congress. What do you think of that?

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1887 — Nov. 19, To — Prof. A. J. Geyer, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Although you have been for sometime serving under commission of our Board of Home Missions, this is the first time I have had the pleasure of addressing you. This is not due to any lack of interest, but the great pressure of work and the lack of time to send a letter of greeting. Your removal to Mount Pleasant placed you in the post formerly occupied by Miss Beekman whose salary was paid by the Woman's Presbyterial Society of Zanesville, Ohio. The enclosed explains the agreement that we make with societies pledging to pay salaries. Zanesville agrees to continue support of the one in Miss Beekman's place. I hope you will write fully of your work to sustain the interest of these ladies.

Just now we are busily engaged in preparing a Petition to Congress to circulate throughout our entire country, except Utah and possibly Indian Territory, protesting the admission of Utah as a State. We hope to present such an array of signatures to Congress that the size of the petition will carry weight.

1887 — Nov. 19 — To — Mrs K. P. Bryan, Titusville, Pa.

Your letter regarding the Petition is at hand. We are greatly disappointed at your decision, and after conference, it is decided to ask you help us send these petitions through Pennsylvania for this reason: your petitions are addressed only to your own Representatives, and we think it will be better that Pennsylvania be strongly represented on the big roll that will go to Congress. We cannot spare Pennsylvania; she is altogether too strong and would add to our roll of names. Dr. Sunderland and Dr. Little think one petition to Congress should answer, as those sent to Representatives are so frequently pigeon-holed in their offices and bear no weight at all. Therefore we decided to send only one.

1887, Nov. 19 — To — Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Yes, we do want boarding scholarships at Whitehall Seminary and will be very glad indeed to secure them for Asheville also. About Juneau: any funds given for that building will be sent there. The Willards are going back to Chilcat again.

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1887 – Nov. 21 – To – Miss Florence Stephenson, Asheville, North Carolina.
If you need more help would it not be a good idea for Mr. Pease as Superintendent to write making the request for an additional helper to our Board of Home Missions? This would strengthen the application when our Woman's Executive Committee make the request.
Our ladies speak with interest of your work, and we all remember your words when you were with us at our prayer-meeting.

1887 – Nov. 21 – To – Mrs. C. L. Wilder, Champaign, Illinois.
The manuscript of "Her Son" is in the hands of our Publication Committee under examination. Publication will involve considerable expense, more than is usual in issuing our leaflets, but every one is pleased with the manuscript and it is only a question of ways and means. I anticipate nothing but a favorable decision however. Would you be willing to have it appear in pamphlet form only? There seems to be an opinion that if published in the magazine its sale in leaflet form would be reduced, and I understand you desire that it should appear in both forms.

1887, Nov. 21 To – Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington, Ills.
Your letter of November 14th was very welcome. It was decided recently to save a little additional work by asking Mrs. Robinson to please take charge of the funds for paying Miss Kate Hamilton's salary, and to receipt for them to the different Synodical Secretaries, and pay the money direct to Miss Hamilton.
As this money is to be raised for this special object and not to be taken from Mission funds, it does not seem worth while to have it sent to New York. I will write the members of this committee giving suggestions as to material for this column. You know what care is required to keep out of print such matter as might not be helpful, as well as to select that which will aid the work.
I am sorry Wisconsin declines to cooperate, but am not at all surprised. It seems impossible to get hold of Wisconsin; the grip of the Board of the Northwest is so close, we are allowed only upon the outskirts, but sometime, somehow, Wisconsin will fall into line heartily. She comes gradually a little step at a time, so we will have patience.

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1887 – Nov. 22 – To – Master Harry Judd, Corfu, N.Y. – Letter written by Mrs. D.E. Finks, Sec'y

I wish I could tell your Band an incident that occurred in Indian Territory. A secretary of our Board of Home Missions had gone there to look into our Mission work and to study the field in order that he might see where the most good could be done. The building in which he slept was the best in the place, but it was a rough log cabin and the air and wind came in easily; in fact he was so uncomfortable that he arose very early, and opening the cabin door went outside. The first object he saw was a large Indian standing at the door with three or four Indian boys beside him, and he learned afterward that, early as he had risen this Indian had been waiting several hours for him to get up in his eagerness to see him as soon as he should appear. The secretary, who was none other than Dr. Roberts, said to the Indian, "Well, my good man, what do you want?" The Indian could speak only a little English. He held in his hand a book. Pointing first to the book and then to himself, he said: "Indian no read Bible," then pointing to the boys: "Boys no read Bible." "Heap more boys, no read Bible. Want school so boys can read Bible." By this he meant that the fathers and mothers could not read the Bible, and that many more boys in the tribe were in the same ignorant condition, and he wanted a Christian school that they might be taught.

1887, Nov. 23 – To – Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Thorndale Station, Penna.

Mrs. Walker asks me to write you about our magazine. It is now furnished at such a low rate that we make but a few cents per copy, and must have a large list of subscribers to meet expenses with that. Even when ordered in large numbers we could not afford to charge less. If our subscription list were larger we might make reductions. After printing a certain quantity the expense of single copies is lessened.

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1887, Nov. 23 – To Mrs. M. L. Ballard, 678 Woodward ave., Detroit, Mich –

Letter from Mrs. D. E. Finks, Sec'y

You may have seen some mention in the magazine of the new industrial school at Tucson, Arizona, which the Woman's Executive Committee under the Board of Home Missions is about to start. There are in that vicinity large numbers of Pima and Papago Indians totally uncared for and the Philadelphia women have been greatly interested in this particular field for sometime, they have set about raising $10,000.– for the purpose of starting this school. At the present time we have a sufficient fund on hands to begin the work, but we have been unable to get the building under way, but have made arrangements to open the school in temporary quarters. We have one missionary on the ground, Miss Minnie Whittaker and an agent who is superintending the construction of the buildings. Now we await the permission of Government to take pupils from the reservation. It is this that has caused delay. We anticipate nothing but a favorable reply but cannot proceed without it.

In addition to the amount being raised by Philadelphia women we hope to secure $6,000 additional for the construction of other buildings. It is our purpose to make this an effective school as there are large numbers accessible to it who otherwise would have no opportunity of learning the Gospel or being rescued from lives of degradation and ignorance.

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1887 - Nov. 29 - To - Miss Kate N. Hale, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"Our column" in the "Interior" has become a fixed fact. The editor is Miss Kate W. Hamilton, Bloomington, Ills. The plan finally adopted by the Woman's Executive Committee with the concurrence of Mrs. Robinson, Synodical President of Illinois is to appoint a committee to aid Miss Hamilton in the collection of material for this column, the committee to consist of the presidents of the five Synodical Societies pledging Miss Hamilton's salary for the year. Mrs. Pomeroy of Minnesota, Mrs. Bartlett of Iowa, Mrs. Robinson of Illinois, Miss Hale of Michigan and Mrs. Kendall of Indiana, we have asked to be the Committee.

The funds from the various Synodical Societies pledged to Miss Hamilton's salary should be sent to Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Bloomington, Illinois, quarterly, if possible. We have asked Mrs. Robinson to act as treasurer of this special fund.

Our object in appointing the synodical presidents to this editorial committee is to avoid overwhelming Miss Hamilton with contributions from the various synods unauthorized or in any measure unwise to publish. We are confident our synodical presidents and corresponding secretaries understanding the work as they do will cull more wisely from the letters of our teachers that come from their respective fields, and also select such other material for publication as they deem helpful. This material can be sent to Miss Hamilton, by her revised and corrected for publication. Miss Hamilton will use her own descretion in arrangement of matter for the weekly column.

We want each synodical president to gather material from letters of teachers supported within the bounds of her synodical society that will be interesting and helpful and such other items she deems wise and best to publish. We find it is necessary frequently to omit the names of towns and teachers from our magazine and use the matter we have as from certain fields, Mormon, Mexican, Indian. Again we may cut out the most interesting part of a letter because to print it would be fatal to the work at the the point the teacher occupies.

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1887, Nov. 29 – Concluded – Letter to Miss Kate N. Hale, Ann Arbor, Michigan

There are Mormons scattered throughout the whole country, and frequently copies of our magazine are sent to their friends in Utah or Idaho. The Romanists also are on the watch and send printed information directly back to the fields from which ~~from which~~ it came. These things force us to guard the matter published. The same care will be necessary in regard to the "Interior column." Nothing should go into that column except the legitimate work of the Woman's Executive Committee or the synodical work of these five synodical societies, and special appeals should be made only in the line of special funds already authorized by the Board and the Woman's Executive Committee.

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1887, Nov 29 – To Mrs. Egbert C. Smyth, Andover, Mass.

We are greatly pleased that your society will cooperate with us and send out these petitions to the Congregational Churches. I did write Miss Emerson, here in the city in the same manner in which I wrote Miss Lord, but Miss Emerson replied immediately advising me to write to the New West Educational Society of Chicago asking them to cooperate. No reply has come as yet. I have not written to any other Congregational Societies, as I did not understand the divisions of your work, thought your society might be headquarters for the whole country as our Woman's Executive Committee is in our Home Mission work.

1887, Nov. 30 – To Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D., Salt Lake City, U.

I mailed to you yesterday twenty or more copies of the Utah petition that we are circulating throughout the country. It has occurred to me that you might be able to secure signers in Salt Lake City, and other towns among those opposed to the Mormon project. We think it is not wise to send these petitions to our teachers, but I send these to you that you may use your discretion in any way that will prove helpful.

May we also have your assistance in the way of brief articles to be sent to some of the religious papers? You could send them direct to the editors of the papers or to us to make use of the articles as you deem wise. We want to agitate this subject in every way possible.

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1887, Dec. 1st To Miss Alice Hyson, El Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico.

You will be glad to know that Dr. Kirkwood's recommendation for an additional appropriation to complete the building at El Ranchos de Taos was acted on favorably by our Board at its recent meeting and official notice will reach you through Dr. Kirkwood. I write this only to relieve your mind, Dr. Kirkwood's communication will carry authority.

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1887, Dec 1st To — Mrs D. F. Diefenderfer, 415 Chestnut St., Erie, Pa.

I am in daily communication with Tucson and gladly tell you present conditions there. Miss Minnie Whitaker reached Tucson about November first. My husband was appointed special agent for the Board of Home Missions temporarily at Tucson, and rented immediately the old adobe public school building for temporary quarters for the new Indian Training School. At the same time construction was begun on the plans approved by the Woman's Executive Committee and the Board. In that dry country it was necessary also to begin operations for the erection of a water tank and windmill. A contract for the foundation of the new building was let and work will be pushed promptly. Four other workers have commissions to Tucson, and one is doubtless on her way. The others may not go until January. As soon as another new worker arrives Miss Whitaker will go out to the Pima reservation to bring in the Indian children. The temporary buildings will accommodate about forty and all the workers. Supplies are being sent forward and Miss Whitaker is busy preparing for the reception of the pupils. I hope the Pennsylvania women will work promptly to raise \$6000.= so greatly needed for the second building at Tucson. Of course the building cannot begin until the greater portion of the amount is in our treasury. The Board will not allow us to incur debt or to begin work without reasonable assurance that the funds will be forth-coming.

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1887, Dec. 1st To – Mrs. Laverty, Lonaconing, Md.
Could you aid by contributing towards a teacher's salary or the erection of a building so greatly needed and for which our schools are suffering, we would be very glad.
A teacher is commencing work just now at Benjamin, Utah in a building put up by apostate Mormons for the sake of having a Presbyterian teacher. The salary is $200.- per year; she is a converted Mormon girl who has been educated in our school at Salt Lake City, Collegiate Institute, and has taken up work in a spirit of great faithfulness and devotion to the Master's service. When asked what led her first to turn from Mormonism to Christianity, she replied: "It was the consistent every day life of Prof. Millspaugh and his assistants at the Collegiate Institute." Watching them day by day she was led to feel that there was a wide difference between Mormons and Christians, and determined to find out for herself in what the difference consisted. These living witnesses led her to Christ.

1887, Dec. 1st – To – Mrs John Sinclair, New York, N.Y.
A letter from Dr. Sheldon Jackson reads as follows: "I expect to be in New York about the middle of December with four girls from the Sitka, Alaska, school en route to Mr. Moody's school at Northfield, Mass. I you would like a meeting of the ladies and children of Sabbath Schools of New York to see and hear them sing), I will arrange to stop over." Dr. Jackson requests that we let him know soon at Carlisle, Penna.

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1887. Dec 2d — To — Prof. R. W. D. Bryan, Albuquerque, New Mexico
I cannot recall the plans of the different floors in our new building at Albuquerque, and therefore feel anxious regarding the sleeping-rooms of our teachers. Will it not be possible to give the teachers rooms on the second floor, and also a separate room to each worker? This seems very important to me. If I were a teacher I know it would be a necessity to me. It would do much to afford real rest to a tired mind and body to be able to shut one's self entirely away when the need for this was felt. If two teachers occupy one room this would be impossible. I may be speaking of the matter much too soon but I am looking forward to the time when we can have a separate building for the girls at Albuquerque. I remember conversation with you, and how earnestly you expressed the wish for separate buildings for boys and girls.

1887, Dec. 2, To — Mrs. Edwin T. Bailey, 4634 Greenwood Ave., Chicago, Ills.
Just now the special plea we are making is for our much needed Building Fund. Chicago Presbyterial Society has pledged $1000.— of this fund to the work at Salt Lake City, Utah, the additional building we want to erect in connection with the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute. We consider this to be important as well as a very urgent undertaking, and are earnestly asking our societies for $10,000.— The openings were never so great or so favorable in Utah as now, nor were so many children inclined to come to our schools, particularly those of higher grade. Salt Lake City is the most important point, and our school in the past has not been a credit to us as outward appearance is concerned. The work has been most efficient, results very encouraging, but our buildings a source of discouragement, and a real embarrassment to the workers. Accommodations have been poor and insufficient; many pupils are turned away and are being gathered into both Mormon and Romish schools. Large numbers of them would have been glad to come to us but we denied admittance to them for lack of room.

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1887, Dec. 7 - To Mrs. R. W. Hall, Ocaté (Halls Peak) N. Mex.
We expect our day schools to become tributary to the boarding schools which we intend to make in some of their departments higher grade schools than the day schools can possibly be. We cannot afford to sustain many boarding schools. We want to cull from the day schools pupils sufficient to fill our boarding schools like Mora, Las Vegas and Santa Fe'. Mora is the only school with sufficient room to accommodate a large number at present, and the points nearest to Mora should be its strongest feeders.
We want your cooperation in sending your brightest and most promising pupils to Mora where of necessity a limited number can be taken. We should aim to send those who will make most of the increased advantages. Our Committee feel so strongly on this point that a special resolution to this effect will be sent to all the schools under our care, not only in New Mexico but in Indian Territory, Utah and Alaska.

1887, Dec. 7 To - Mrs. Alma Graves, Iowa City, Iowa.
Your letter inquiring for the name of a teacher to whom a box may be sent at Christmas time has been referred to me. I would gladly commend to your society our school at Toquerville, Utah; the teacher is Miss Fannie Burke. A more deserving, hard working missionary teacher would be difficult to find, or a harder field to serve, I think. Miss Burke has faithfully maintained her position, working day and night for this people. For a time the case seemed hopeless but now she has a school numbering, I think, from fifteen to twenty pupils. A Christmas box would enable her to do much for her school.

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1887, Dec. 8, – To Mrs. H. W. Ballard, Detroit, Mich.
If you will send a note to Mr. C. E. Walker, Tucson, Arizona, notifying him of the day of your arrival, I can promise that he will meet you at the train and take you at once to Miss Whitaker, or arrange for good accommodations for you at the hotel until morning. Mr. Walker, who is my husband, is acting as special agent for the Board of Home Missions in planning the erection of the new buildings, and arranging for the opening of the school in temporary buildings. I am confident that Mr. Walker will give due attention to your comfort, as I know his interest in the work.

1887, Dec. 9 – To Mrs. M. L. Wilder, Champaign, Ills.
I wish to report progress in the publication of "Her Son". We are now arranging for the copy-right, and soon will have printers' bids. You will remember that in the narrative it is stated that at Yanzee a young girl had started a school that resulted in much good. It will be necessary to locate this community somewhere among our Exceptional Populations as we do not send mission teachers into frontier towns unless the exceptional peoples are there. In Utah are some mining camps in a measure populated by Gentiles and Mormons where we have teachers. It might be located in southern Colorado where is also a Mexican element to account for the influence of the mission teacher. But locate it where you prefer to make it consistent with our work.
It is our purpose to publish it only in leaflet form, not in the magazine.

1887, Dec 12, To Mrs. M. F. Condit, Parsippany, N. J.
I think I can explain why you do not hear from Miss Grace Robertson. For the last six months she has been in Chicago taking care of her mother who met with a severe injury in leaving a street car in that city, and for a long time it was supposed that she could not possibly recover. Miss Robertson now hopes to return to Indian Territory with her mother sometime in January. I confess to grave doubts as to whether she will be able to go so soon.